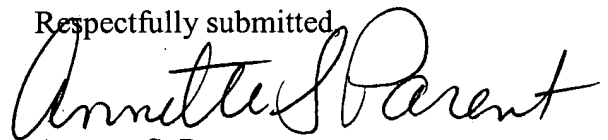


REMARKS

Claims 24-29 are pending in the present application and subject to examination. Claims 24 and 26-29 are allowed. Claim 25 was rejected as allegedly indefinite for reciting a polypeptide that comprises a nucleic acid sequence. Applicants have clarified the claim to refer to the polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid sequence. Applicants have also amended the title of the application as indicated by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415/576-0200.

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